

Parenting the “Net Generation”

What makes our kids “click”?



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What do we want for our kids?

Love and Care

- Security
- Safety
- Health
- Freedom

Healthy Esteem

- Confidence
- Social Skills
- Happiness
- Success

Citizenship

- Integrity
- Education
- Social Responsibility

Some Questions...

- How many of you have a **personal profile** online? Facebook? MySpace?
- Who here engages in **IM? Texting?**
- How many of you have an **iPod/iPhone? Blackberry?**
- Who plays **video games?**



Some more questions...

- **Where** is/are your computers in your home?
- Do you place **limits** on your Children's computer use?
- Who has had a **conversation** with their child about Internet Safety or Cyberbullying?
- Who here has adopted **family expectations** for children around online/computer use?

Learning Intentions

- To gain a better understanding of **who our children are** and their **needs**.
- To examine our **children's use** of technology.
- To increase **our awareness** of the potential challenges around technology use.
- To provide you with **support and resources** to better understand these issues.
- To encourage **practical, proactive parenting strategies** to maintain connections with your children around technology.

Remember When...

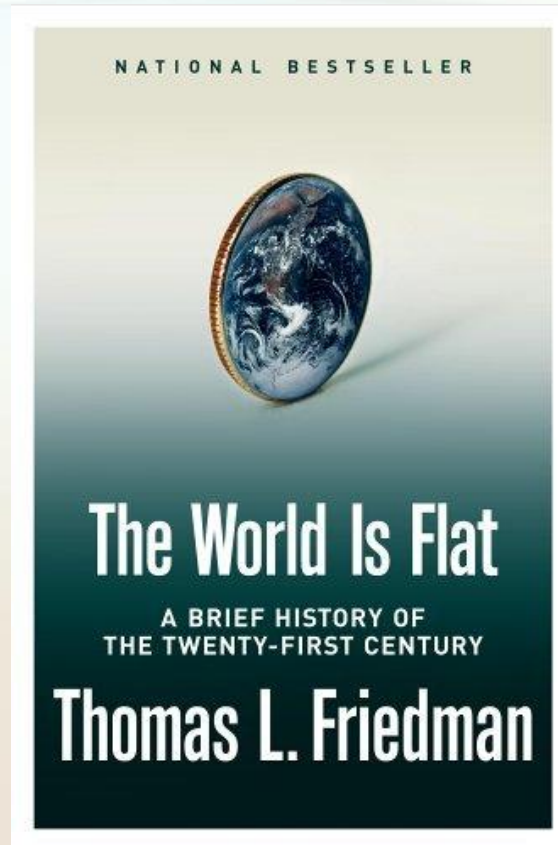
- Life was a lot simpler when we were kids...

Right???



The World has changed...

- Thomas Friedman *“The World is Flat”*

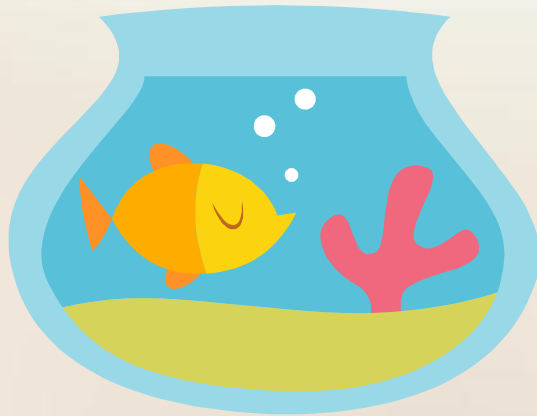


For our children...

- Our children have never not known the Internet
- Information is free
- Communication is seamless
- They are wireless, yet always connected



- **“Google” has always been a verb**
- **Text messaging is their e-mail**
- **They have rarely mailed anything using a stamp**



The 4th Screen

What are their needs?

- Even though the world has changed dramatically, our kids “needs” remain the same



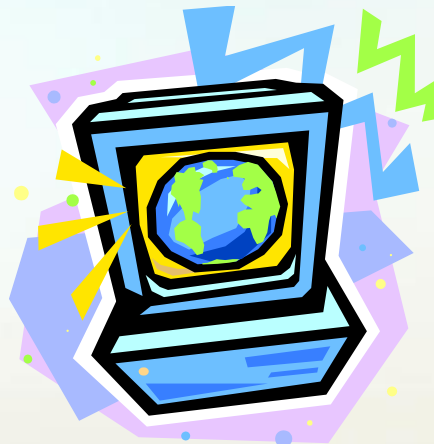
Why do they go online/use technology?

What needs does it meet?

- **Fun**
- **Independence**
- **Communication**
- **Connection**
- **Adventure**
- **Creation**
- **Sense of Belonging**
- **Risk**
- **Being heard**
- **Identity**



The Places They Go?



THE CHALLENGES THEY FACE...

- Bullying
- Privacy issues
- Health problems (Obesity)
- Identity Theft
- Addiction
- Scams
- Psychological dysfunction
- Abuse
- Abduction



What “WE” want for your children...with technology

Safety

Balance

***Healthy
screen time***

Digital Literacy

Digital Responsibility

***Positive
Social Networking***

***Responsible E-
communication***

...but how do we get there?

What are WE going to do about it?

- Generate **expectations** (Proactive)
- Have the **conversations** and generate **ownership**
 - Prompts (YouTube videos, case-based scenarios, teachable moments)
- Establish a response **“plan”** (Reactive)
- Be available to **“support not punish”**
- Preserve your **relationship** and **attachment**

facebook®

Facebook | Dave Sands - Windows Internet Explorer

http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?success=1&id=546051424

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

delicio.us TAG

Diigo Bookmark Highlight Comment Send Message (0) Options Web Update

Facebook | Dave Sands

facebook Home Profile Friends Inbox 2 Dave Sands Settings Logout Search

Dave Sands is so proud of his kids...all 4 of them! on Wednesday clear

Wall Info Photos Boxes +

What's on your mind?

Share

Advertise Money on the go.

View Photos of Me (44)

Edit My Profile

Dave is continuously struggling with balance between his light and dark sides. I think Anakin Skywalker is my long lost brother.

Information

Networks: Vancouver, BC

Birthday: August 20

Applications

start

Microsoft Office P...

Facebook - Windows Internet Explorer

http://www.facebook.com/home.php

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

Favorites amazon.com Your Profile connectandprotect - home Nearby Tweets - Search, fi... craigslist vancouver, BC cl... TinyURL.com - shorten th...

Facebook

facebook Search Home Profile Account

News Feed Top News · Most Recent 16

Share: Status Photo Link Video

What's on your mind?

Dave Sands
I am working on my "Parenting the Net Generation" presentation for tomorrow night at Pinetree Secondary
2 seconds ago · Like · Comment

Taylor Sands
Doesn't feel well. I miss home :(
21 hours ago · Like · Comment
George Ritchie likes this.
View all 7 comments

Ravi J Palod is being brown bad. :(
17 minutes ago · Like
Write a comment...

Heather Andruski
is sooooo sick of jello, broth, and tea. Tomorrow? Pizza. HUGE LOADED pizza. Or ribs. Or KFC. I want grease and gross.
2 hours ago · Like · Comment

Heather Andruski or maybe a hamburger and fries. With a ton of ketchup.
3 hours ago · Like · Comment

Events See All

What are you planning?

FOOTSTEPS INTO GANGLAND ...
Monday, March 21 at 7:00pm
RSVP: Yes · No · Maybe

People You May Know See All

Natalie Clarkson
3 mutual friends
Add as friend

Bob Coulter
7 mutual friends
Add as friend

Sponsored Create an Ad

Advertise on Facebook
Promote your business to 500M+ active and engaged users on Facebook. Develop your brand online by connecting with your audience.

Requests See All

3 group invitations

Chat (17)

Local intranet | Protected Mode: Off

8:31 PM 2/14/2011

Be Involved and connected...

- Get online...
- Communicate...
- Share...
- Interact...
- Play games...
- Watch...
- Create...
- Engage...



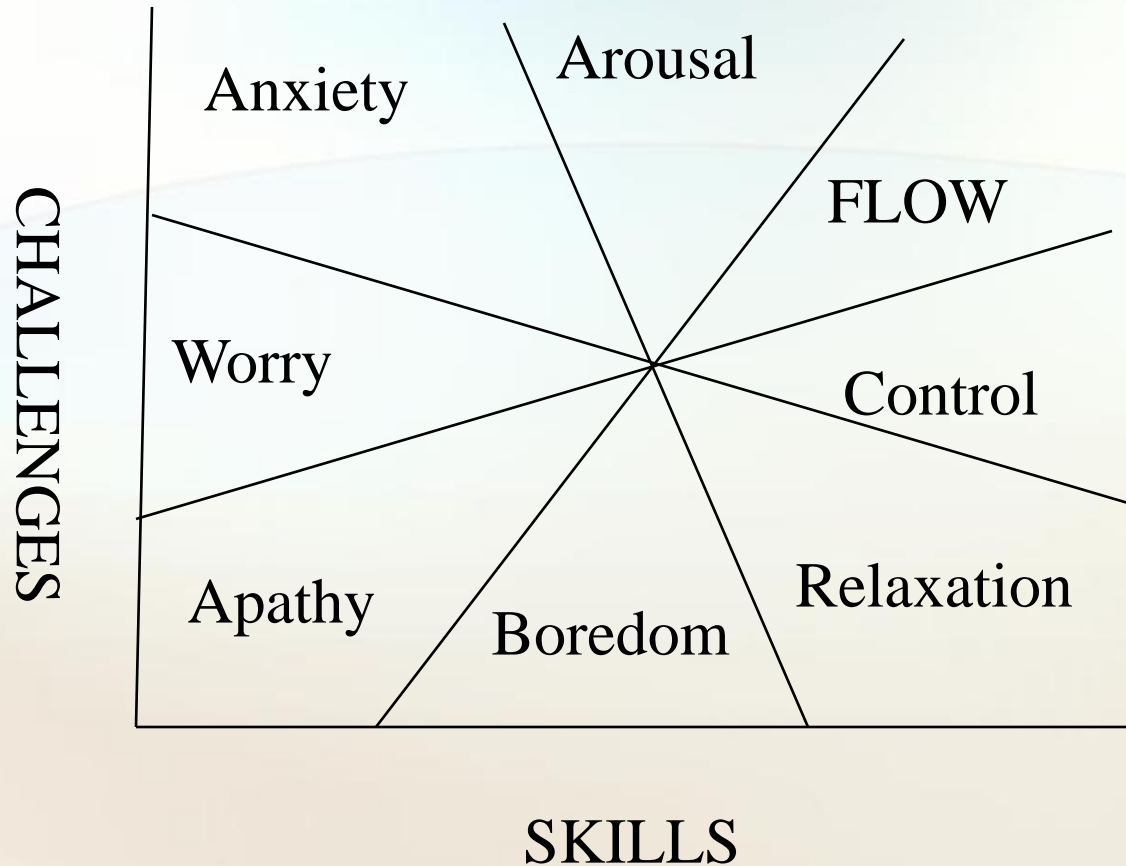
...with THEM!

Contact information and Resources

- **Dave Sands**
 - dsands@sd43.bc.ca or dave.h.sands@gmail.com
- **Site**
 - <http://connectandprotect.wikispaces.com/>

This is only the beginning...

Flow Theory - Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi



Homework...

1. Visit my **Wiki page** and look at 3 different articles/videos.
2. Go online and establish 3 new accounts on **web 2.0 tools** (e.g. Facebook, Club Penguin, MSN, Youtube, ePets, Twitter, WebKins, etc.).
3. **Talk** to your child/ren about one or more of these tools.